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The Venezuelan Question.

Great Britain's refusal to submit to arbitration the disputed boundary line between British Guiana and Venezuela may be taken to mean that she is not sure of the strength of her case or knows that she has no case; that she knows she can whip Venezuela in a fight and does not look for any interference by the United States.

The position taken by Great Britain brings up all the possibilities of the contention in which she is now engaged with Venezuela, and incidentally it brings up whatever there is in the Monroe doctrine. With mere questions of boundaries between other countries the United States has nothing to do. To such questions we have never held that the Monroe doctrine applies. But where a European country, for the purpose of acquiring more territory seeks to carry forward its boundary into a country on this continent, the Monroe doctrine applies if it applies anywhere.

If Great Britain shall persist in carrying further west the boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela, what will the United States do? That would be as much an act of aggression on this continent as though she were to gobble the whole of Venezuela, always provided that the territory claimed by Great Britain is not hers by right.

The question has assumed a very grave aspect. It may place this country where it will have to call a halt on the aggressor no matter what the cost may be.

Senator Hill and Judge Peckham.

In Washington it is believed that Senator Hill will not oppose the confirmation of Judge Rufus W. Peckham, whom the President has named as a justice of the supreme court of the United States. When Senator Hill opposed the confirmation of Wheeler H. Peckham, the other brother, he is said to have remarked that if the nominee had been Rufus he would have favored confirmation. If this was his position then he will favor confirmation now.

It is by no means a certainty that Senator Hill could defeat Judge Peckham. He is a man and a jurist of high standing, whose fitness for the place will not be questioned. The senate has allowed Senator Hill to vent his spleen against the President twice in connection with New York men nominated for the supreme bench.

It is very improbable that senatorial courtesy would be stretched to compass a third defeat when the nominee is worthy of the great honor. Senator Hill has not quite the grip he had in the senate when he was supposed to have a better grip at home.

Mr. Cleveland, it appears, has not heard the people speak since 1892. He must have supplied himself with a convenient and comforting deafness.

Senator Allison's Candidacy.
Senator Allison's home friends have begun active operations on the presidential line and will keep up their work until the Republican national convention shall have made its choice.

His idea is that while Senator Allison will not show up so strong as some of the others in the earlier stages of the proceedings, he will be the man to captivate the convention after it shall have been worn out with the content between other candidates. In such an event the Republican party would be fortunate to have so good a man as Senator Allison to turn to.

The plan of campaign is to antagonize nobody and await developments. This will please the friends of more aggressive candidates, who will be gathering in delegates while the Allison men are waiting for the convention to get tired.

Governor Morton will not talk about the presidency. He says he is not thinking about it. What! So far from young and yet so shy!

The Case of Barbara Aub.

Why did Barbara Aub charge Langerman with an infamous offense, convict him with her testimony and then confess herself a perjurer? Recorder Goff, before whom the case was tried, is confident that Barbara Aub is not a blackmailer. He thinks she is not naturally depraved, but she had had a hard time of it from her youth and looked upon society as against her. If trouble came upon her where could she go?

In the opinion of Recorder Goff these things preyed on Barbara Aub's mind, and she accused Langerman, probably to get sympathy. She did not foresee the end from the beginning. It was not her intention to prosecute, but a good woman to whom she told her story insisted that there must be a prosecution. After conviction, an awakened conscience.

The good woman who insisted on the prosecution says that Barbara Aub was tampered with after the trial and her confession is a lie. The persons in

charge of the refuge in which Barbara Aub found shelter say that there was no chance to tamper with her. The judge does not think she was tampered with.

Dr. Robert Safford Newton, who was present at the trial and watched the woman closely, says she is "a hypnotist's model." Her mind was under subjugation, so that she was irresponsible for each act in the drama. She was under the influence of the woman who sent her to Langerman to solicit his subscription to a book. Meeting Langerman she fell easily under the control of his will. Again she was controlled by the woman who would have a prosecution. At the refuge the influence of another mind swayed her in another direction and brought out the confession.

Dr. Newton says he will wager anything that he can make her retract the confession. He has seen twenty similar cases in Paris while studying under Charcot, the eminent authority on hypnotism. If Dr. Newton is right this remarkable case is still in doubt, for it is impossible to know at what stage of the proceedings the woman has told the truth.

That there are minds such as Dr. Newton describes Barbara Aub to be, is beyond question. That strong will power controls weak will power, is a fact established beyond controversy. Where moral responsibility ends with such minds is a nice question in respect of which scientists differ and will continue to differ.

If it be true that Barbara Aub is so easily controlled as Dr. Newton says she is, it is not safe for her to be at large, for she has no more free agency than a revolver or a bowie knife.

The effort of Turkey to show that the Armenians are responsible for all the trouble shows at least one thing, that Turkey would like to stand well with the world. But nobody believes that the Armenians rushed willingly onto Turkish swords.

Imported Contract Labor.

Five men who came over from Switzerland to put up some decorative work ordered in that country for a handsome New York house are to be sent back under the contract labor law. They were to be paid as low as \$1.20 a day for work for which American workmen do not get less than five dollars a day. It was a large job and it paid to bring over the cheaper labor.

That is a good law which gets in the way of this kind of under-cutting of American wages. Those who are not willing to pay American wages for their decorative work can get along without the decorations.

In Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, last week a jury awarded \$100 to the children of a man who was killed in a stone quarry. This week another jury in the same county awards \$433 to a man whose leg was broken by a blast in a stone quarry. Are legs so much more valuable than lives up in that region?

After Alaska's Gold.

The Canadian government has let a contract to carry mail into the territory claimed by Great Britain in the Yukon region, territory which was regarded as belonging to the United States by the Alaska purchase and to which no British claim was made until the discovery of rich gold deposits. Is John Bull determined to have an affair with us? If that territory belongs to the United States the British mail contractors will need the escort of a British army before they carry the mails long in the Yukon region.

It is predicted that after the New York delegation gives Governor Morton a complimentary vote there will be a lively breaking to Governor McKinley. There is a strong McKinley sentiment in New York, and if it shall appear after the first ballot that the Morton movement is not taking, it is very likely that something interesting will happen in the New York delegation.

It is to be hoped that Congress will give the President a chance to sign a bill to increase the revenues. He does not see the necessity for this, but the necessity exists just the same. If the President prefers more bond issues let him make his record on that side of the question.

The New York Herald winds up its comments on the message by saying that his party's best hope lies in nominating Mr. Cleveland "to be a third term President." The Herald has the third term on the brain as bad as when it was denouncing the friends of President Grant for trying to get him a third-term nomination. The only difference is that now the Herald regards a third term as "the one thing altogether lovely." Does this come about because Grant was a Republican and Cleveland is a Democrat?

The President is said to have known of the reply of Great Britain on the Venezuelan boundary question when he sent his message to Congress, but he made no change in that part of his message because he intends to communicate further with Congress on that subject. That is to say, he was not quite frank with Congress. Perhaps the statement is not true.

LOOKING FOR A GOVERNOR.

A Sanguine Democratic Organ Has Found a Man to Lead the Forlorn Hope.

Morgantown New Dominion (Dem.): There is a good deal of casting about over the state just now for the right kind of a Democrat to carry the Democracy through the next campaign for the governorship of West Virginia.

We are not after the man who is seeking the office is seeking. We propose to name him.

The man and the Democrat who fills the bill at this juncture of affairs; who answers all the requirements of the situation, and who represents all the elements of a winning campaign is Col. Clarence L. Smith, of the town of Fairmont, and the county of Marion. As an able and popular editor, a whole newspaper fraternity would "whop it up" for him all over the state. As a distinguished officer of the military organization of the state, the militia would shoulder arms in his behalf, and it would not matter much to what party they belonged. As an experienced member of the state legislature, he has an influential acquaintance in every county of the state, which would virtually give him the controlling political influence of his party in every county. Moreover as a popular man, not only at home, but wherever he is known, there would be personal friends to carry his standard in every nook and corner of the state.

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The Judge's Daughter Insisted That Court Rules Should Prevail.

Chicago Post.
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"I love you devotedly," he cried passionately. "I am prepared to devote my life to you."

"Be specific in your pleading," she cautioned. "Do not stray too far from the point at issue."

He hesitated and then asked earnestly: "Will you be my wife?"

"Ah," she said, "now I see the point you wish to make."

"I am not rich," he urged, "but I have enough to give you a comfortable home, and my prospects are bright. I offer you the love of an honest man, who will do all in his power to make you happy."

She stopped him by a gesture.

"It is useless to continue at present," she said firmly, but kindly. "There are several cases ahead of yours on the docket."

"But," he protested, "I want—"

She stopped him again.

"I must insist that these matters be taken up in their regular order," she said sharply. "Put your proposition in writing and file it with my maid, and it will receive due attention when it is reached in the regular course of business."

"I haven't time to listen to oral arguments in a case that can be as well presented in briefs."

With a sigh he left and put in his time until late that night preparing a petition for a rehearing.

American Heiresses Abroad.

Chicago Record: An indication as to how the marriage of American heiresses and titled nobles is regarded abroad may be found in the latest issue of London Truth, which declares that the duke of Marlborough's marriage was largely due to a necessity of keeping up "that white elephant," the castle of Blenheim, "a huge and hideous building which the late duke, who was always of a practical turn of mind, deplored could not be converted into a hydropathic establishment or something of that sort."

The incorrigible Labouchere goes on to remark that "part of the bargain was that the duke should be a lay figure in the marriage festivities, the aim and object of which seems to have been to squander money in barbaric pomp."

This, then, is the happy situation in which the title-capturing American heiress finds herself. She ceases to be an American and loses the comradeship of her fellow-countrymen. And on coming to the land where she is to assume titled honors she is met with the brutally frank assertion that her husband married her for her money, and that the circumstances in which the ceremony was performed were barbaric. It is like the case of the turn-out in war. The heiress loses esteem among her former allies, and receives the open condemnation of her new ones.

Any other American girls who may be tempted by foreign titles would do well to reflect on what awaits them on the other side. No American critic of the duchess of Marlborough has been a bit more brutally candid than that administered by one of the foremost of the organs of British opinion.

Drilling for Oil.

"Each hero, of all the trades and crafts was once an inexperienced man; And he whom some call 'tender-foot,' Some day he'll be the veteran" Of oil and gas.

Thus thought the novice, who's a lease, Who sits right down to calculate How many men at this apiece Will need to raise sufficient stake To drill a well.

J. W. is seen, who takes a share, J. K. takes one, H. C. takes two; J. D. don't have the cash to spare. But if he had, he'd take a share. And there are others.

Now Wood's decision is not final, He'll see and let you know again; T. S. would if an accident, I can hear or through the lease, but then He didn't know.

E. T. must first consult his books On strata, so you must later call; V. C. will trust his guileless looks To find a man who'll pay for all And leave him half.

And Dr. H. did soon agree To take a risk, to help him out, If he would only guarantee To strike the oil, and say about How much 'twould be.

Thus, by and by, with weary toil, The company's formed and contract's let; The drill goes down in search of oil, Each member now would quickly bet They'll strike it rich.

Time seems to move a creeping pace From now until they reach the sand; Impatience shows the system's trace They'll simply wait nor turn a hair Till it comes in.

And now the fatal day is here; And two days more have passed—they fear By now, perhaps, the well is dry— And to it is!

A private message bore the tale, Too sad almost to now repeat; But such much stock was up for sale— Stock once the pride of "tender-feet"— For want 'twould bring.

Discouraged! Yet they'll try again, Led by a novice, as before; A few drop out, but more come in, And thus recruited, still they bore In search of oil.

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GREENS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Woodland Products for Yuletide Use in the New York Market.

New York Tribune: The favorite Christmas trees in this market for many years have been supplied by Maine. This year, however, the trees cut in New York state are more in favor, as greater care has been used in their selection, cutting and trimming. The latter trees, having to be transported a much less distance than those from Maine, are cut later, and consequently arrive in fresher condition and do not lose their foliage so quickly. The kind of tree most in favor for Christmas uses is the balsam fir. The Norway spruce, which was formerly a popular Christmas tree, is now out of fashion. In obtaining large supplies of trees gangs of expert woodmen are sent to mountain and forest in time to select, cut down and forward the trees so that they will begin to arrive here in the first week in December. The business is hazardous, and largely depends upon conditions of the weather. It is said that instances have been known where the loss on a single load of trees was not less than \$300.

The materials for making decorative devices are varied. Holly, which is received in cases, comes mainly from Delaware and the eastern shore of Virginia, and is commonly known as "English holly." It is thickly sprinkled with bright scarlet berries, which form a pleasing contrast to its dark-green, prickly leaves. It is one of the most durable of Christmas decorations, and is sold for from \$4 to \$5 a case, each case containing about thirty cubic feet. Sometimes it comes in barrels, and is sold for from \$1.50 to \$2 a barrel. The common evergreen or ground pine is used in immense quantities for making the cheaper grades of wreaths and "roping" for festoons. It is indigenous to many states, but comes mainly from Vermont and Massachusetts in large coarse bags, containing about forty pounds each, and selling for from \$5 to \$8 per 100 pounds. The little feathery tufts of pine are bound together by thousands, principally by women and children, the larger part sold here being made up in New Jersey. The common pine or evergreen roping is sold in lengths of from 50 to 100 yards each, and the average price is about \$3 per 100 yards. A finer quality of roping, made of plantain or laurel and hemlock, or laurel and arbor vitae, is put up in coils of twenty-five yards each and sold for from \$4 to \$5 per 100 yards.

Among the manufactured decorative devices are wreaths, crosses, stars, hearts, anchors and horse shoes. Some of these are made of ground pine, and some of boxwood and moss, relieved with immortelles. They are put up in packages of one dozen each, and sold for from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per package. Designs made from other material or combinations of material are sold for from 50 cents to \$1.50 a dozen, according to their size and the quality of the articles used for their construction.

Beautiful white-berried mistletoe, just received from Normandy, is shown in great profusion. This popular Yuletide decoration is found in small quantities in several of the southern states, but it is much inferior in quality to that which is imported. Mistletoe comes in cases of various sizes, for which the average price is about \$15 a case. Mr. Blank showed the reporter a bunch of or hough fully eight feet in circumference and covered with thousands of white, waxlike berries. Its price was \$20.

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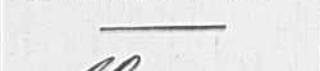
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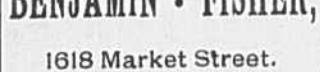
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